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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. Claims 1 – 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Furuhashi et al., USPN 5,909,205.

Claim 1

Furuhashi teaches a picture display apparatus comprising the following.

Furuhashi teaches a picture display unit [liquid crystal display panel 124]. Furuhashi, col. 6, lines 63 – 67 and figure 1.

Furuhashi teaches picture display unit drive means for converting inputted picture signals [analog video signal 102] into display picture signals [display data 121] and generating drive time signals [timing signals 122]. Furuhashi, col. 18, lines 18 – 36; col. 8, line 67 – col. 9, line 9; and figure 1. The picture display unit includes a picture memory [frame memory 100 and line memory 111] for storing picture signals inputted into the picture memory. Furuhashi, col. 7, lines 30 – 54.

Furuhashi teaches display position control means [memory access reconciling signal 123] for detecting the picture display position on the picture display unit based on the display picture and drive timing signals. Furuhashi, col. 8, lines 28 – 36; col. 11, lines 50 – 65; and figures 1 & 2.

Furuhashi teaches a display position control means [frame/line memory control circuit

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112] for controlling a timing of admission of the inputted picture signals to the picture memory based on the detected display position data from the display position detection means, thereby adjusting a picture display position. Furuhashi, col. 7, lines 55 – 65 and figure 1.

Claim 2

Furuhashi teaches a horizontal synchronizing signal, a vertical synchronizing signal, and a pixel clock signal. Furuhashi, col. 12, line 21 – 24; and figures 5 – 7.

Claim 3

Although Furuhashi does not specifically teach detection of the horizontal and vertical commencement and termination positions, it is inherent to any detection of the pulses shown in figures 5 – 7 that the display position detection means detects such positions. Furuhashi, col. 12, line 21 – 24; and figures 5 – 7. See also Input Horizontal Synchronous Signal Synchronizing Circuit 209 and Internal Horizontal Synchronous Signal Synchronizing Circuit 209, figure 2. Furuhashi teaches display position control means [frame/line memory control circuit 112] that controls a timing of admitting the inputted picture signals into the picture memory in the picture display unit drive means, based on a difference between detected position data and set timing data for outputting display picture signals, thereby automatically adjusting a picture display position. Furuhashi, col. 7, lines 55 – 65 and figure 1.

Claim 4

Furuhashi teaches a preset memory [memory architecture decode circuit 205] for storing and judging the formatting values. Furuhashi, col. 9, line 59 – col. 10, line 8; and figure 1.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 18 March 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argued that the memory access reconciling signal in Furuhashi is fundamentally different that the Applicant's claimed display position detection means. Applicant argued "In contrast to Applicant's claimed invention, the reconciling signal 123 is not based on display picture and drive timing signals as set forth in Applicant's claimed invention." Amendment After Final Rejection, p. 6. Furuhashi specifically states, however, that the memory access reconciling signal 123 is the signal which is synchronous with the display timing of the liquid crystal display panel." The dictionary defines synchronous as follows

1: happening, existing, or arising at precisely the same time 2: recurring or operating at exactly the same periods 3: involving or indicating synchronism 4
a: having the same period; *also*: having the same period and phase ...

Merriam-Webster's, Collegiate Dictionary, 10th ed. (1999), p. 1196. If the reconciling signal is the same as the display timing signal, it essentially is identical to the display timing signal.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Vidovich, USPN 6,226,045 B1; Webb et al., USPN 5,216,504; and Wagner, USPN 5,600,379, each teach display feedback systems.

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leland Jorgensen whose telephone number is 703-305-2650. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. through 3:30 p.m..

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